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## **Press Release**

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### **NEW DRUG DROP OFF BOXES ACROSS POLK COUNTY**

The Polk County Sheriff's Office along with local city Governments are offering residents a new way to help dispose of unwanted prescription medications that could otherwise end up in the wrong hands or in local landfills, or being flushed down toilets.

Prescription drug drop offs give people an easy way to keep drugs out of the hands of those that should not have them. It is more secure than disposing of them in the trash or flushing them down the toilet. These methods raise concerns because people who are desperate enough can go through people's garbage for drugs, and flushing drugs down the toilet can contaminate the water supply.

The City of Bondurant will have a new drop off box placed in the Bondurant City Hall lobby starting on June 23, 2014.

The City of Grimes will also have a new drop off box placed in the Grimes City Hall lobby starting on June 23, 2014.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office will offer a centralized location at our Field Headquarters lobby at 6023 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Des Moines, with a new drop off box as well.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office will ensure that all accepted items will be properly disposed of.

Items that are acceptable are prescription medications in the form of pills, tablets, ointments, creams, powders, inhalers, nebulizer solutions, liquid medications, vitamins and supplements, and pet medications. All items must be placed into a sealed zip up baggie prior to dropping them into the containers.

Items that are unacceptable for drop off are sharp objects, syringes with needles, thermometers, bloody or infectious waste, aerosol cans, Hydrogen Peroxide or Rubbing Alcohol.

The service will be available at all locations weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their contributions in making the drop boxes possible- The U.S. Postal Service, ACME Signs, and Ted's Body Shop.



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